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Remarks

Claims 1-19 remain in the application with Claims 1 and 14 being in independent form. Claim 1 is being amended and claim 20 was previously canceled.

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,082,443). Claims 2-8 and 10-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-19 are allowed.

On January 25, 2005, Applicant conducted an interview with the Examiner to discuss the Advisory Action of 01/18/2005, independent claim 1, and the Yamamoto reference. As a result of the interview, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to clarify the unique structure of the subject invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the partition wall is mounted directly to an inner surface of the condenser plate, as opposed to being mounted to an outer wall and suspended in a mounting relationship to the condenser plate. Further, claim 1 has been amended to define the partition wall angling downwardly toward the base plate at an angle other than 90 degrees, i.e. an acute or obtuse angle.

As discussed with the Examiner, these amendments to claim 1 are believed to distinguish this claim over Yamamoto as well as the other references of record. As such, claim 1 is believed allowable. Claims 2-13 are also allowable as these claims depend from the unique features of claim 1.

Applicant notes the procedures regarding an amendment filed under §116, which state that an amendment placing the application in condition for allowance, by for example incorporating allowable subject matter, may be admitted. As stated at MPEP Section 714.13, the proposed amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance.

In summary, it is respectfully requested that this §116 amendment be admitted because the applicant has incorporated allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner and there are no new issues being presented. To that end, it is respectfully

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submitted that the Application is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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